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Dear Ms Hesse,

The proposed settlement is no remedy for the proven monopolistic behavior of Microsoft as found in the statement of fact.

If you believe that corporate wrongdoers should be held accountable for their actions; if you believe that that accountability should be commensurate with the wrong done;

if you are a Democrat who believes that the public interest should be protected from ravening corporations;

if you are a Republican who believes that corporations should compete on a field free of bullying and threats;

if you believe that the future of software, computing, technology, media, and even business should not be left in the hands of the specimen that has consistently shown the worst behavior in each of these fields;

if you are at all a moral, ethical, or even self-interested being;

you will find that the proposed settlement is no remedy to Microsoft's monopolistic behavior. As a programmer, I find it most disturbing that the proposed final judgment does not lower the applications barrier to entry in terms of either undocumented file formats or undocumented APIs, for corporations or non-profit organizations. The arrogance of Microsoft speaks of disrespect for its customers, its competitors, and the government which tries to keep a level playing field between them. Please amend the proposal in a manner consistent with the fair application of law--Microsoft must be shown that they are not above the law.

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